

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-28 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 5 of co-pending Application No. 10/103,803 on the grounds set forth on page 3 of the Official Action. Submitted herewith is a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/103,803. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,422,450 on the grounds set forth on page 3 of the Official Action. Submitted herewith is a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,422,450. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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